



Ongoing legislative priorities

Throughout her tenure in the state Legislature, Sen. Linda Evans Parlette, R-Wenatchee, has championed many important issues facing Washington state and residents of the 12th Legislative District. These issues include:

HEALTH CARE:

As a registered pharmacist, Sen. Parlette has taken a *lead on prescription drug issues* in the Legislature. She has tirelessly researched current state and federal prescription drug laws in a *quest to reduce the cost of prescription drugs* for Washington residents.

Understanding the *vital role health care providers play in rural economies*, Parlette continues her advocacy to *maintain the economic viability of the private health care sector*.

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Sen. Parlette continues to make the *creation of jobs* in the 12th Legislative District and throughout Washington a priority. She firmly believes that commitment to rural economic development involves a *long-term investment in education, a reduction in onerous and overlapping government regulations, and an equilibrium between property rights and environmental regulations*.

Parlette sees the protection of the private sector in all industries as the *key to economic development and stability* and, on many occasions, can be quoted as saying, “Do not destroy the private sector.”

TRANSPORTATION:

Believing that *transportation is an integral aspect of Washington’s economic health*, Sen. Parlette has encouraged the *improvement of roads* throughout the state, largely in an effort to support the *movement of freight vital to rural economies*.

Parlette has also focused a great deal of her efforts on *improving rail service* for freight and passengers.

WATER RIGHTS:

Agriculture's essential need for water has continually inspired Sen. Parlette to *protect private water rights*. Parlette has always understood the *delicate balance that must be struck* between the *private and commercial use of water, water for energy generation, and salmon vital to Washington's quality of life and tourism opportunities*.

STATE BUDGET:

With a firm belief that *government spending has overstepped its bounds* and the *tax burden placed on Washington residents has become excessive*, Sen. Parlette has advocated *state spending within its means*. Parlette firmly believes that *priorities* must be made, *government spending limits* must be re-employed, and a "rainy day" *fund* re-established for the long-term health of Washington state.

TOURISM:

Sen. Parlette understands that *tourism is a vital element of north Central Washington's economy*. She continues her *advocacy and protection of recreational opportunities* throughout the 12th Legislative District and all of Washington state. One example is her persistent work toward a more predictable fishing season.

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